

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please revise the specification as follows:

Please amend the title as follows:

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ~~EFFICIENTLY~~ SELECTIVELY SEARCHING AN
~~EXTENDED~~ PARTITIONS OF A DATABASE**

Please amend paragraph number [0054] as follows:

[0054] From the perspective of a single extended balancer 124, the associated extended partition 119 contains a document index, which is called an extended document index partition elsewhere in this document. The extended index sub-partitions discussed above are partitions of the document index contained and handled by the extended balancer 124 and its extended index servers [[148]] 128. The partition index 274, from the perspective of a single extended balancer 124, maps terms to partitions of the document index serviced by the extended balancer. In other words, one level of the document index hierarchy is removed when one focuses on the operation of the extended balancer, because the document indexes handled by the other extended balancers are not considered.